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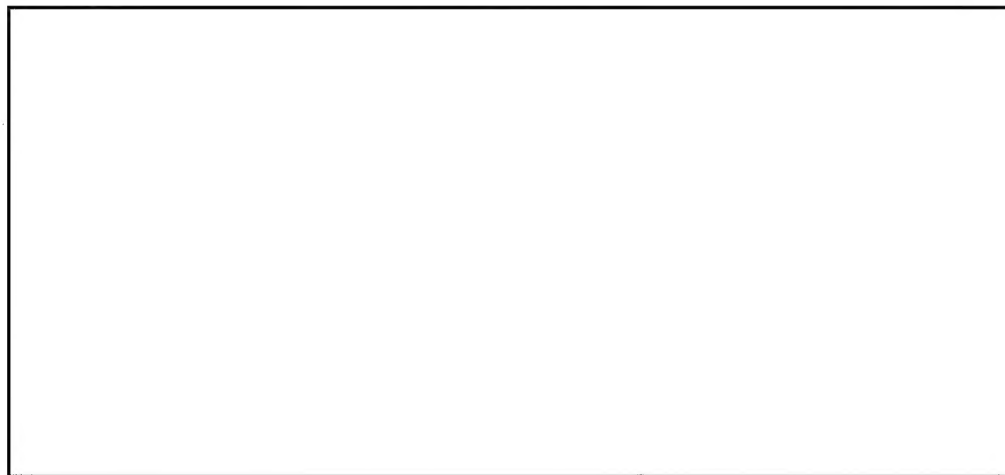
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The Key Points



- [redacted] leads the Department of Defense to conclude that most of the 130 tanks observed at the major armor training center [redacted] [redacted] have now left the area and may be headed south. The CIA believes [redacted] is not of sufficient [redacted] such a determination.
- [redacted] further evidence that North Vietnam may be receiving military equipment from China or the Soviet Union.

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Preface

This is the thirty-eighth in a series of memoranda summarizing evidence received during the reporting period of (I) Communist efforts to infiltrate new manpower and military materiel toward and into South Vietnam, (II) Communist-initiated combat activity in violation of the Vietnam and Laos settlement agreements, and (III) other developments affecting Communist military capabilities in Indochina.

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Communist Initiated Combat Activity in South Vietnam and Laos

South Vietnam

7. In South Vietnam, the total number of Communist initiated cease-fire violations reported by the South Vietnamese Armed Forces since 27 January, 15 June, and for the last week (7-13 November) are shown below:

Military Region	Total Since 27 January Cease-fire		Total Since 15 June Cease-fire		Last Week (7-13 Nov)	
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Total	3,875	24,761	1,506	10,806	36 (82) ¹	481 (583) ¹
MR 1	1,443	5,172	418	1,813	9	74
MR 2	616	4,130	352	2,276	12	81
MR 3	590	4,399	188	1,823	3	84
MR 4	1,226	11,060	548	4,894	12	242

1. Figures in parenthesis denote totals of the previous week.

8. Some of these violations may have been initiated by GVN forces rather than Communist forces, and it is impossible in all cases to determine the actual instigator. The tabulation above and the charts following the Annex, however, do show fairly accurately the trend in the amount of combat that has occurred in South Vietnam since the cease-fire. The fact that a combat incident occurred at a particular time and place is generally reported accurately by the South Vietnamese, even though the question of who started it may not always be treated in objective fashion.

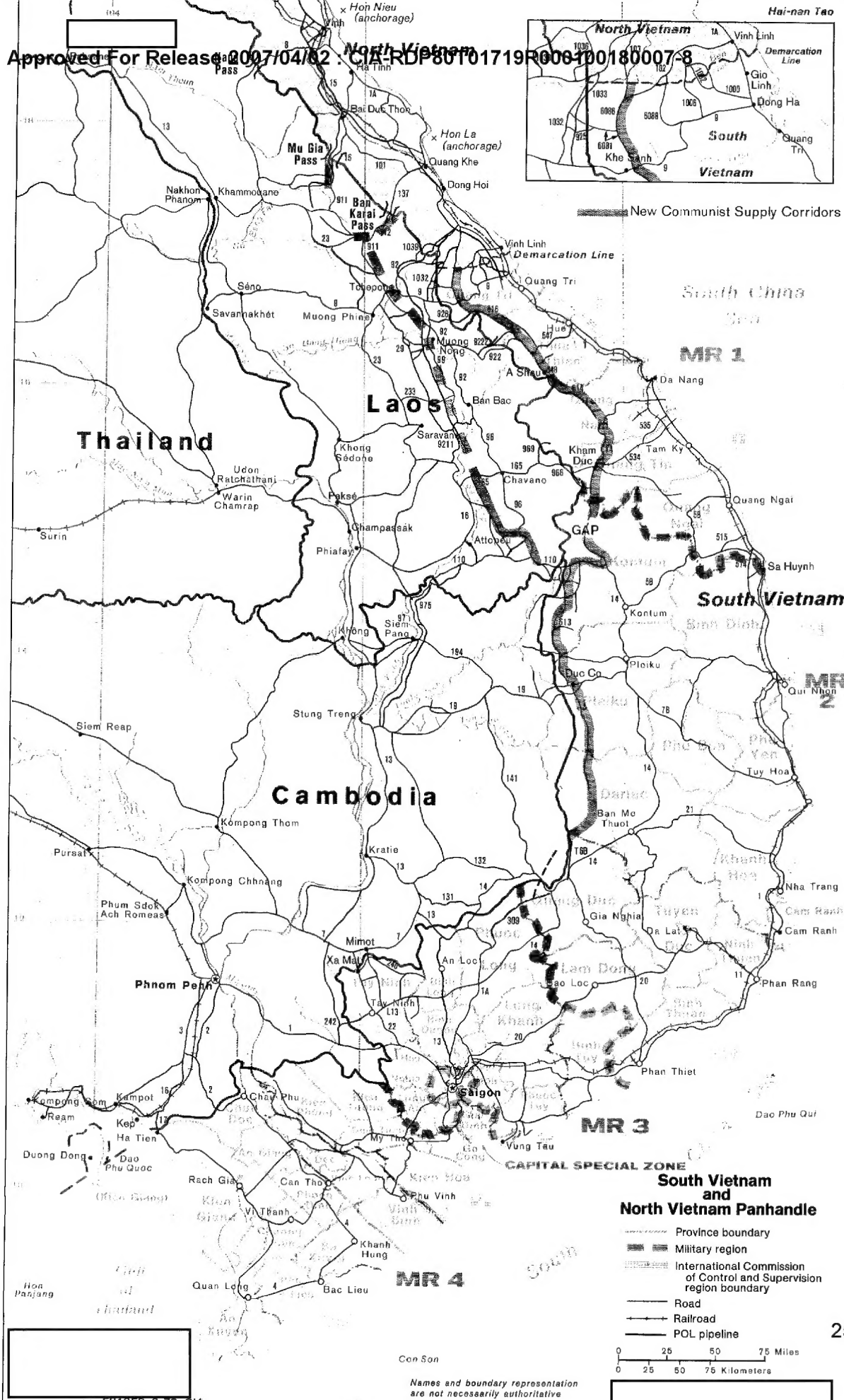
Laos

9. There was no significant military activity in Laos last week.

Other Developments Affecting Communist Military Capabilities in Indochina

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Vinh Yen Armor Training Center northwest of Hanoi. There is a



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significant difference of opinion between the Department of Defense (DOD) and the CIA on the interpretation [redacted] The DOD believes [redacted]

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[redacted] almost all of the approximately 130 tanks observed at this location [redacted]

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[redacted] are now absent. The DOD further believes that this armor may have been moved to North Vietnam's southern panhandle for possible deployment farther south during the upcoming dry season. [redacted]

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11. The CIA does not believe [redacted] of sufficient quality to conclude that there has been any significant reduction in the number of tanks at Vinh Yen.

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12. [redacted] also indicated that there are now 230 light antiaircraft pieces stored near the rail spur located east of Thai Nguyen, on one of the main rail lines between the Chinese border and Hanoi. There were about 180 light antiaircraft pieces at this location in early August 1973. This increase may represent new imports from China or the Soviet Union.

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13. In North Vietnam, three Komar-class guided missile patrol boats

[redacted] were observed [redacted] near the Ha Tou Naval Base east of the Port of Hon Gay. [redacted] probably do not represent deliveries of military equipment to North Vietnam since the cease-fire. Four Komars, which are small Soviet-made patrol boats armed with two radar-guided missiles each, were offloaded from two Soviet merchant ships [redacted]

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[redacted] and delivered to North Vietnam shortly thereafter. In mid-December, US Navy planes attacked three Komars hidden in the offshore islands near Hon Gay, reportedly sinking one and damaging the other two. The three boats observed at Ha Tou last week could be the two reportedly damaged craft and the fourth Komar not sighted during the December attack.

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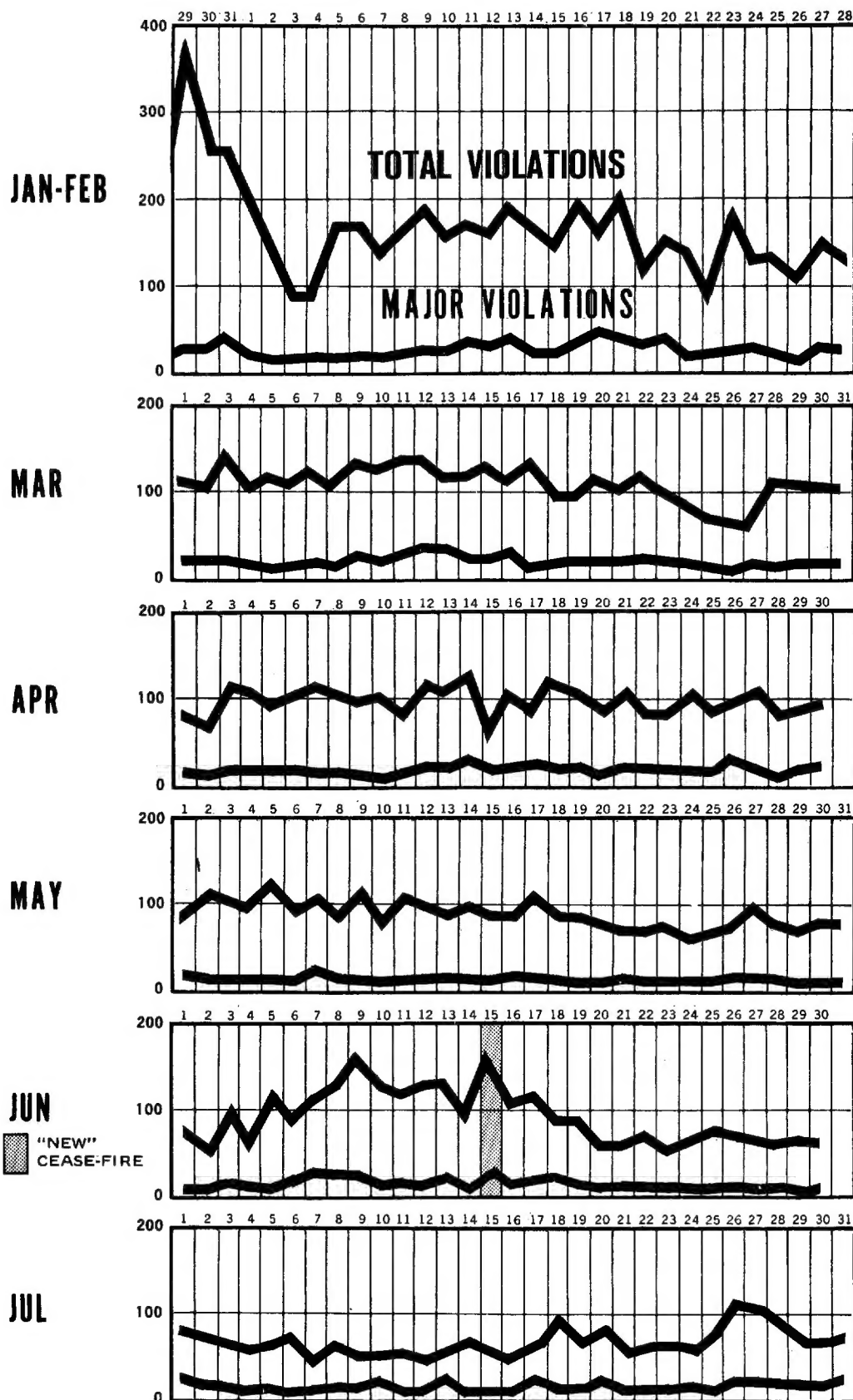
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CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS REPORTED BY RVNAF

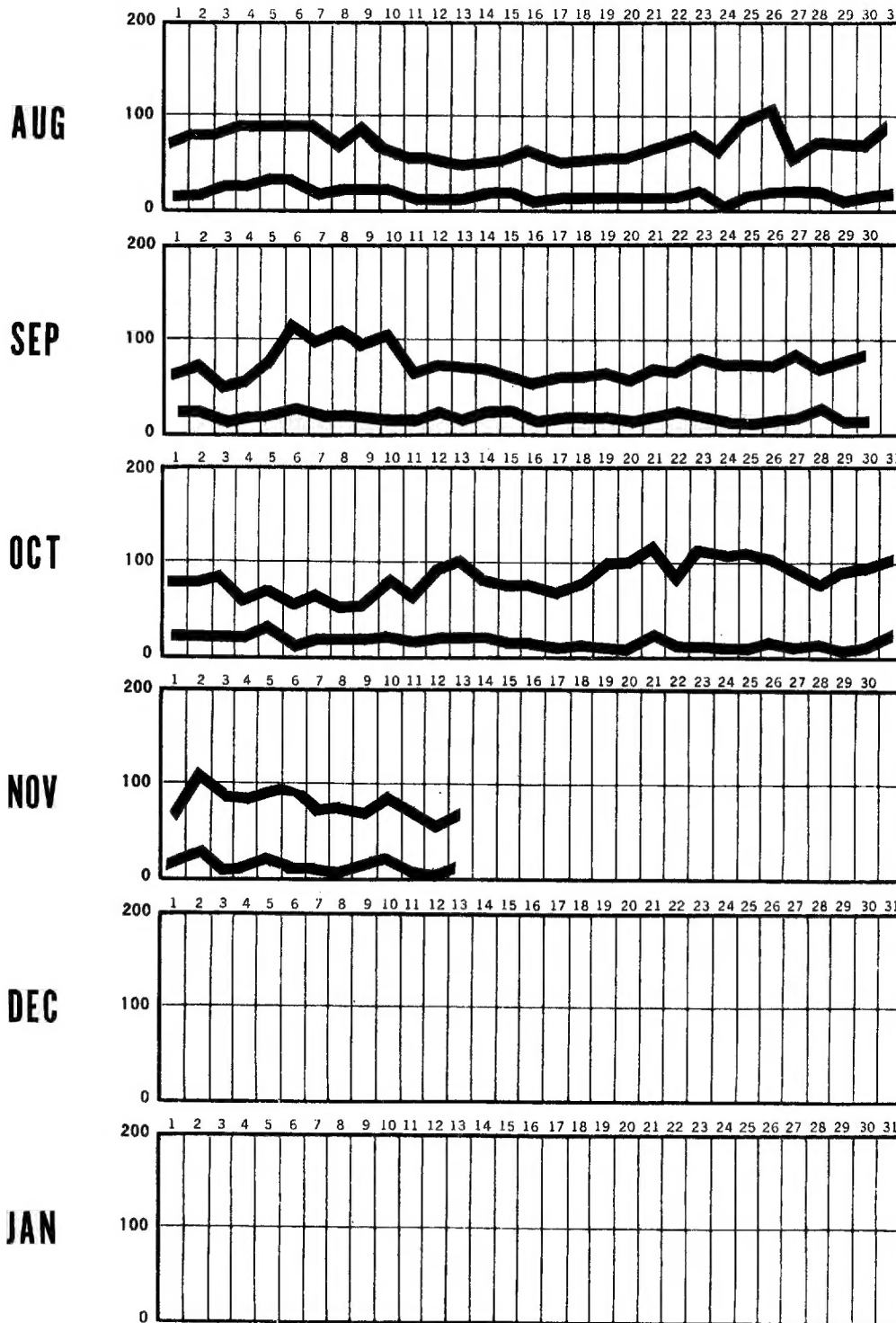
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